

REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are unpatentable under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. In the Office Action, claim 15 was indicated as being allowed. Responsive to the Examiner, Applicants have canceled claims 1-14 without prejudice. Claim 15 alone remains pending. Thus, the Applicants believe that the application is now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Cave, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,746, hereinafter "Cave") in view of Dalal, et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0014488, hereinafter "Dalal").

Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants herein cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice. The Applicants are not conceding in this application that these claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of any of the canceled claims. Thus, the present rejection is now moot.

II. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 15 is allowable. Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants herein cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice. Claim 15 alone remains pending. Claim 15 was amended to address various informalities. Thus, the Applicants believe that the application is now in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 842-8110 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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